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There's more to the Ames bar scene than Welch Ave. Who knows, maybe one of these places will become your new watering hole.

CITY GUIDE: BAR STYLE

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We know you love heading down to Welch where the music blasts and mug night prevails, but step away from Campustown and you'll find a unique array of bars attracting more than the average college crowd. We also know that being a broke college student is no joke, so remember, **more mugs** next to the bar means **more money** out of your pocket.

MOTHER'S PUB

Just a short walk from Campustown on West Street, Mother's offers a small, intimate scene with fun drinks, plenty of seating, and a mix of personalities and ages. With live music and TVs tuned to the big game, there's something for everyone.

SPECIALS

Aside from their daily happy hour between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.—which offers twofer domestics and wells—they also have nightly specials between \$1 and \$4 to keep your wallet satisfied.

WHAT TO ORDER

Mother's Milk: their take on the classic White Russian. It'll taste like you're drinking an iced coffee, but don't let that fool you—it packs a punch.

WHEN TO GO

Most of their live shows fall on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, with a cover charge between \$3 and \$5. If you want to be around people, the earlier the better. It clears out around midnight as the party-people make their way to Campustown and older folks make their way home.

THUMBS

Up the road from Mother's, Thumbs lives up to its name—it's not much bigger than your thumb. This hole-in-the-wall bar offers a cozy setting, wide range of locals, and pool and foosball tables to entertain, as well as an outdoor deck. You aren't going to find dancing—or even walking—room, but you'll certainly never have the same experience twice.

SPECIALS

Find great deals all week and stop in anytime on Sundays for their daylong Happy Hour.

WHAT TO ORDER

Green Tree Frog—Thumb's own secret recipe, go check it out for yourself!

WHEN TO GO

The booze is always cheap, but be sure to stop in for 75 cent Gin and Tonic night every Thursday.

WHISKEY RIVER



Prepare to see the unexpected as you make your way down the road from London Underground to the multiple personality bar that is Whiskey River. Club music blasts while a giant moose head hangs on the wall. Country music swoons and groups of people as diverse as the decor chat on benches and bar tables. Best part is, you can just spend some time people watching as you grab a late bite to eat!

SPECIALS

Join Whiskey River for Happy Hour Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 pm for \$2.75 wells and bottles and find specials every night except Saturday!

WHEN TO GO

During Sunday Funday, Whiskey River offers a Bloody Mary Bar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. where you can grab a deluxe Bloody Mary and breakfast for only \$10. It's a great way to stave off that Saturday night hangover.

LONDON UNDERGROUND



In the heart of Main Street, London Underground is like stepping into a cozy pub. English memorabilia lines the walls mixing with new technology. A mix of wooden booths and open seating invites people interested in mingling with old friends and making new. With around 50 different beers at any given point, you will find more tulip glasses filled with craft beers like Old Rasputin than bottles of Bud Light.

SPECIALS

Go for Happy Hour any day of the week 'til 7 pm or enjoy one of their nightly specials, like \$1 PBR on Mondays, \$2 off pitchers on Fridays and \$3 Bloody Marys on Sundays.

WHEN TO GO

London Underground fills up quickly on the weekends, go earlier to grab a booth or table.



DELLA VITI



Self. Serve. Wine. Need I say more? With 48 different varieties of wine, as well as a full service bar with liquor and craft beer, you can jazz up a tasteful evening out right in Ames. Try a taste of wine or grab half or full pour if you don't mind spending a little more. If you're a true wine-o, you can even join their monthly wine club.

SPECIALS

It's Happy Hour all day long on Sundays at Della Viti. They also have nightly specials on beers and mixed drinks to tide you over between glasses of wine.

WHEN TO GO

Grab some friends to enjoy a classy night of sipping wine during the weekends for the most lively atmosphere.

CORNER POCKET



Just below DG's, Corner Pocket hosts a room full of pool tables—what else—or their crowd of middle-aged men and groups in their twenties to knock one back while enjoying a friendly game of billiards.

SPECIALS

Corner Pocket has Happy Hour 'til 6 on weekdays with 50 cents off draws and wells, as well as nightly specials Monday through Thursday.

WHEN TO GO

You can join pool league on Monday and Wednesday nights, or stick to casual play any other night.

DG's TAP HOUSE



Live music and good beer are just a couple of the draws to DG's. With 56 beers on tap as well as bottles and liquor, there is something for everyone—so step away from that Coors and have a real beer. Live artists include a range of genres: rock, reggae ska, and folk as well as drag shows and poetry slams. Dance, relax or shoot pool with your friends as you enjoy local and touring talent.

SPECIALS

DG's has Happy Hour from 4 to 7 pm Tuesday through Saturday. They also offer nightly specials between \$1 and \$2.50.

WHEN TO GO

They host live talent as many as four nights a week. Go online to view their schedule, or pop in on the weekends to check out the colorful crowd.

SPORTSMAN'S LOUNGE



A couple doors down, Sportsman's offers a hangout where you can grab \$2 well drinks on Sunday funday, play some shuffleboard and watch sports—just don't expect to hear the person next to you over the blaring music.

SPECIALS

Sundays through Thursdays from 9 pm til close they offer specials ranging from \$2 drinks to \$6 pitchers.

WHEN TO GO

Go on the weekends to enjoy a larger crowd.

Worried about getting home?
We understand, so we found your solution for you.

From Main Street:

Walk east on Main a couple blocks to Duff Ave and meet the bus stop just to the north of the corner. CyRide's Moonlight Express shuttle A will be there periodically to take you where you need to go.

From West Street:

Lincoln Way is just a couple blocks south of West Street, where you can catch the Moonlight Express shuttle A at the corner of Colorado and Lincoln Way going west or the corner of Wilmoth and Lincoln Way going east. 📍